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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 12 MONTEVIDEO 1993

SUBJECT: MITRIONE KIDNAPPING

AT APPROXIMATELY 0900 ON SEPTEMBER 6 THREE NEWS AGENCIES RECEIVED ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALLS DIRECTING EACH OF THEM TO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS WHERE THEY WERE TOLD THEY WOULD FIND "SOMETHING OF INTEREST". TWO OTHER AGENCIES WERE SIMILARLY DIRECTED IN THE AFTERNOON.

THE ITEMS RECOVERED WERE TAPE RECORDINGS OF DAN MITRIONE'S INTERVIEW WHILE IN CUSTODY OF THE TUPAMAROS. ONE COPY OF THE INTERVIEW IS IN THE ORIGINAL ENGLISH WITH AN IDENTICAL TRANSLATED VERSION IN SPANISH. THE SPANISH TRANSLATION OF THE INTERVIEW CONTAINS OTHER STATEMENTS WHICH WERE ATTRIBUTED TO DAN MITRIONE FROM PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS. COPIES OF TAPES WILL FOLLOW.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE ENGLISH TAPE.

T ARE YOU SLEEPY?

M YES, I WAS, YES.

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T WELL, I'M SORRY.

M NO, THAT'S GREAT.

T WOULD YOU LIKE TO TALK A LITTLE?

M OH!

T YES, WOULD YOU MIND!

M I'D BE HAPPY TO!

T ALL RIGHT..O.K. HOW MANY SONS DO YOU HAVE?

M NINE.

T NINE SONS AND DAUGHTERS!

M WELL, FOUR SONS AND FIVE DAUGHTERS.

T GEE, I SEE. ARE THERE SOME OF THEM HERE!

M FOUR, OF THEM ARE HERE, YES.

T GOOD, TELL ME, YOU HAD SOME IMPORTANT WORK IN THE STATES, WHILE YOU WERE THERE!

M WELL, I DON'T THINK IT WAS. I THINK IT WAS A MATTER OF WHAT IS IMPORTANT; IT'S ADVISORY, ADVISORY.

T YES.

M WE USED TO ADVISE THE MEN WHO CAME TO THE STATES IN THE LATEST TECHNIQUES, OF COURSE THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR, OH, THE LAST TWENTY YEARS.

T TWENTY YEARS?

M YEH, AT LEAST.

T THAT MUST BE AROUND.....

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M AND CAUSE I REMEMBER SOME PEOPLE FROM IRAN AND TUNISIA AND THOSE PLACE OVER TWENTY YEARS AGO.

T THEY GO AND LEARN

M WELL, THEY LEARN SOME OF THE THINGS, THEY CAN'T LEARN EVERYTHING, THEY CAN'T USE EVERYTHING THEY LEARN BECAUSE THE SOCIETIES ARE DIFFERENT.

T I AGREE WITH IT

M BUT THE MAIN THING IS TO TEACH THEM POSSIBLY THE BETTER WAYS OR THE NEWER WAYS TO DO THINGS.

T WHAT KIND OF THINGS?

M UM, HUM

T AND HAVE YOU BEEN CHIEF OF POLICE OR SOMETHING?

M YES, I WAS CHIEF OF POLICE

T I HEARD THAT, WHERE WAS THAT?

M IN INDIANA

T INDIANA

M INDIANA, YES

T IS IT A LARGE STATE

M NO, WELL ABOUT 4 MILLION POPULATION..4 AND A HALF MILLION

T IS IT HARD TO BE CHIEF

M WELL, I WASN'T CHIEF OF THE STATE, I WAS CHIEF OF A CITY IN THAT STATE

T OH, I SEE

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M: AND MY CITY WAS ONLY ABOUT 50,000 POPULATION.

I: AND WHICH CITY WAS IT?

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 2 OF 12 MONTEVIDEO 1993

SUBJECT: MITRIONE KIDNAPPING

M: RICHMOND

T: RICHMOND, AND HOW IS IT? IS IT DIFFICULT WORK?

M: NO, NO. IT'S PLEASURABLE WORK. IT'S, TO ME IT'S THE SAME THING AS A SCHOOL TEACHER AND THE PEOPLE WHO PICKED UP THE "BASURA" IT'S A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING AROUND THE CITY. SOME PEOPLE WORK IN A FACTORY--SOME WORK IN THE FRESH AIR. IT ALL DEPENDS. BUT THE POLICE WORK IS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT IN MANY INSTANCES, BUT IT'S GOOD CITY LIFE. THERE IS NOT TOO BAD.

T: AND IT WAS TOO LONG AGO

M: WHEN I WAS CHIEF?

T: YES

M: IN 1960, I LEFT THERE

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T: 1960, WELL HAVE THINGS CHANGED!

M: O YES, HA, HA.

T: PROBABLY NOW YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT KIND OF WORK BEING A CHIEF OF POLICE IN THE STATES.

M: ALL TOGETHER, ALL TOGETHER DIFFERENT, ALL TOGETHER DIFFERENT, VERY MUCH DIFFERENT, YOU ARE RIGHT.

T: THERE ARE DIFFERENT KIND OF WORKS FOR THE POLICE.

M: YEAH!

T: AND YOU KNOW THINGS CHANGE AND HOW ABOUT YOUR WORK IN BRAZIL.

M: I WAS "ASESOR". I WORKED IN THE INTERIOR OF BRAZIL AND I WORKED WITH...I WAS AN ADVISOR TO THE MILITARY POLICE. AND WE WORKED ON TRAINING.

T: OH, I SEE.

M: YOU KNOW HOW THE...IN BRAZIL AND IN URUGUAY AND MANY THINGS. HOW THEY WALK, HOW A POLICEMAN WALKS WHEN HE IS ON DUTY. WE WILL TRY TO TEACH THEM A WAY THAT WILL BE BETTER FOR THEM, A LITTLE BETTER FOR EVERYBODY, TO WALK A LITTLE MORE. HOW TO STAND.

T: HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE JUNGLE THEN?

M: NO, NO, NOT THAT KIND OF WALKING. AND WE ALSO TRY TO TEACH THEM BETTER MAINTENANCE, BETTER MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT.

T: YES, WELL YOU KNOW WE STOLE ABOUT SEVEN HUNDRED WEAPONS

M: YES, I KNOW.

T: THEY CANNOT TAKE CARE OF THEM. AND SOME WERE VERY BADLY, YOU KNOW.

M: BAD SHAPE WORKED ON.

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T OH, YES, ALL DIRTY, WE HAD TO WORK A LOT TO PUT THEM ON CONDITIONS, YOU KNOW ALL THESE GUNS.

M YES.

T BUT THE GUNS WERE ALRIGHT, BUT THE LONG ARMS, YOU KNOW

M YES.

M THEY WEREN'T TAKEN CARE OF, HUH.

T WE HAVE TO DO IT NOW, BECAUSE WE HAVE THEM PRETTY GOOD NOW

M I'LL BET

T FORTUNATELY. AND HOW ABOUT YOUR WORK IN URUGUAY, TELL ME

M IT'S ABOUT THE SAME, IT'S ABOUT THE SAME, WE HAVE AN OFFICE IN THE "JEFATURA" AND WE WORK WITH THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE, THE HEAD OF THE "JEFATURA" AND WE WORK ON COMMUNICATIONS IN THE INTERIOR YOU KNOW, FOR THE STATES IN THE INTERIOR, BASIC NET WORK. AND THEY BRING IN AUTOMOBILES FOR POLICE CARS BUT URUGUAY BUYS THEM, THEY DON'T BUY THE CARS.

T OH, I SEE

M ON THE RADIOS IT'S 50-50 ON SOME, BUT ON OTHERS, URUGUAY BUYS THEM ALL.

T I SEE

T BUT I THINK THE URUGUAYAN POLICE LEARN VERY FAST, DO THEY? ADAIR

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M I DIDN'T KNOW MORAN CHARQUERO TOO WELL, AND I NEVER WORKED WITH HIM. I MET HIM WHEN HE WENT TO THE STATES CAUSE I WENT TO THE AIRPORT TO SAY GOODBYE AND WHEN HE CAME BACK I SAW HIM. BUT I NEVER WORKED WITH MORANI CHARQUERO OR WITH, WHAT WAS THE OTHER MAN'S NAME FROM CANELONES THAT WENT TO SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME.

T LEGNANI?

M WHO? NO, NO, LEGNANI IS THE CHIEF UP THERE, THE OTHER ONE, THE ONE WHO WENT FOR TRAINING WITH CHARQUERO AT THE SAME TIME.

T OH, I SEE, I CAN'T REMEMBER HIS NAME.

M I CAN'T EITHER, I DIDN'T WORK WITH ANY OF THESE MEN. I KNEW THEM WHEN I SAW THEM YOU KNOW, AND I NEVER WORKED WITH ANY INDIVIDUAL POLICE, BECAUSE I WORKED IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PART.

T AND IN WHICH DEPARTMENT

M WELL, I WORKED IN MY OFFICE IN THE EMBASSY

T OH.

M I SPENT 99 PERCENT OF MY TIME IN THE EMBASSY

T YES, I THINK MY MATES KNOW THAT BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN CHECKING EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU FOR A LONG TIME

M MEANING YOUR WHO?

THIRD VOICE: MATES

T MY FRIENDS

M OH, YES, ABOUT ME YOU MEAN

T YES

M YOU'LL FIND OUT THAT I SPENT MOST OF MY TIME IN THE, WELL, I HAVEN'T BEEN IN THE "JEFATURA" TO BE EXACT FOR TWO AND A HALF WEEK, MAYBE THREE WEEKS.

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T THERE YOU HAVE A PLACE TO PARK YOUR CAR, DOWN THERE IN THE GARAGE, I KNOW

M AT THE JEFATURA?

T YES

M THAT'S NOT FOR ME THAT'S FOR THE OTHER "ASESORES"

T WHO ARE THEY?

M WE HAVE THREE OTHER MEN HERE

T WHO ARE THEY?

M WELL, YOU KNOW THEIR NAMES, DON'T YOU? WELL, I THINK YOU KNOW THEIR NAMES

T YES, I DO KNOW. BUT YOU KNOW WE CHANGE THE PLACE, NOW I'M THE POLICE

M HA, HA

T NO, YOU SHOULD TELL ME THE NAMES, REALLY

M I SHOULD TELL YOU THE NAMES

T YES, PLEASE

M WHAT ADVANTAGE WOULD THEY BE

T JUST TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE REALLY WILLING ADAIR

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 4 OF 12 MONTEVIDEO 1993

SUBJECT: MITRIONE KIDNAPPING

M: WELL, THERE IS NO NEED FOR ME TO LIE BECAUSE YOU HAVE THEIR NAMES. ONE MAN'S NAME IS MARTINEZ, RICHARD MARTINEZ, ANOTHER MAN'S NAME IS RICHARD BIAVA, ANOTHER ONE IS LEE ECHOLS

T: ONE OF THEM IS CUBAN ISN'T HE?

M: NO, MEXICAN

T: MEXICAN

M: MEXICAN, YES, MEXICAN DECENT. HE IS FROM THE UNITED STATES

T: MUY BIEN. AND HOW DO YOU THINK THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT WILL BEHAVE NOW, YOU KNOW, WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY'LL DO

M: ABOUT ME?

T: YOU DON'T KNOW THE OTHERS WHO ARE IN PRISON NOW, WE HAVE SOME OF YOU, YOU KNOW

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M: WELL, I HOPE THEY, I HOPE THEY BARGAIN WITH YOU.

T: YES, WE HOPE IT TOO, WE DON'T LIKE IT YOU KNOW. WE DON'T LIKE THIS MESS.

M: YEAH.

T: WE'RE TERRIBLY SORRY ABOUT YOUR WOUND, YOU KNOW, BUT WE HAD TO DO IT.

M: THAT WAS A MISTAKE, I THINK.

T: YES, YES, WE ARE MAKING AN INVESTIGATION ABOUT THAT.

M: I DON'T KNOW WHY HE SHOT ME. I REALLY DON'T. I WAS LAYING ON THE FLOOR OF THE TRUCK!

T: YEAH, WE ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT AND THERE IS ALREADY PEOPLE TRYING TO FIND OUT THAT. YOU KNOW WHO IS YOUR ROOMMATE HERE.

M: NO, I DO NOT. I KNOW I HEARD YOU CALL HIM CONSUL.

T: YES, HE IS WITH YOU.

M: NO, I DON'T KNOW HIM.

T: WELL, AH, AND HOW ABOUT YOUR GOVERNMENT, WHAT WILL THEY DO?

M: I, YOU KNOW, I CANNOT ANSWER THAT. I THINK THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL DEFINITELY TALK TO THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT AND ASK THEM TO INTERCEDE, BUT I DON'T KNOW JUST WHAT THEY CAN DO, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE PACT IS, I HAVE NO IDEA.

T: BUT YOU THINK THEY WILL DO SOME PRESSURING, DON'T YOU. THEY SHOULD, AT LEAST.

M: I WOULD HOPE SO, DEFINITELY HOPE SO, I WOULD GUESS THAT THEY WOULD SAY YES, TO PLEASE PUT SOME PRESSURE OR DO SOMETHING.

T: YES, WE HOPE SO. WE'VE DONE IT IN OUR COUNTRY.

M THAT'S RIGHT. HOW LONG WILL SOMETHING LIKE THIS TAKE, YOU KNOW

T EH?

M HOW LONG WOULD A SITUATION LIKE THIS TAKE?

T WELL, THAT DOESN'T CONCERN US YOU KNOW. WE HAVE EVERYTHING PREPARED TO HAVE YOU MONTHS HERE, HERE AND IN DIFFERENT PLACES, BUT WE HOPE TO, YOU KNOW, TO DO IT SHORT. THAT'S FOR, THAT'S FOR THE BEST OF EVERYBODY.

M I HOPE SO.

T WE ALSO WANT OUR FRIENDS FREE

M YES

T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT

M I UNDERSTAND THAT, YES

T PROBABLE THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO SOME PRESSURE. SOME OF THE PEOPLE, WHO IS NOW IN PRISON WITH YOU, IS REAL IMPORTANT. WE THINK THAT YOU ARE VERY IMPORTANT, TOO, REALLY. SO...

M I HOPE THAT SOMEBODY THINKS SO

T YES, PROBABLY WOULD. WELL, NOW TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT CIA. YOU KNOW, WE LIKE JAMES BOND, ABOUT THE CIA, WHAT CAN YOU SAY

M WELL, YOU KNOW YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE ME, AND NO MATTER WHAT, WHAT, AH, AH, I HAVE TO CONVINCE YOU THAT I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE CIA--ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT THE CIA.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 5 OF 12 MONTEVIDEO 1993

SUBJECT: MITRIONE KIDNAPPING

T ABOUT THE FBI

M FBI, I KNOW VERY MUCH ABOUT THE FBI, BECAUSE I GRADUATED FROM THEIR ACADEMY.

T I SEE

M I KNOW EVERYTHING. WELL, NOT EVERYTHING, I KNOW LOTS ABOUT THE FBI

T WHAT ARE THE NAMES OF FBI IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS OF...

M WELL, ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I KNOW A LOT ABOUT THE FBI BECAUSE THE FBI IS VERY OPEN...A VERY OPEN INFORMATION GATHERING INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT. THERE YOU HAVE AGENTS ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES AND THEY WORK RIGHT IN WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS. HOWEVER, THE FBI IS ONLY ALLOWED TO WORK IN CERTAIN CASES. FOR EXAMPLE, IN MY CITY IF THERE WAS A BURGLARY OF 2,000 OR THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS, THE FBI COULDN'T WORK ON THAT. THE FBI...HAS

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TO BE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY...THERE HAS TO BE SOMEBODY THEY THINK RAN AWAY INTO ANOTHER STATE!

T: I SEE, I SEE, THAT'S FEDERAL...THAT'S FEDERAL, THAT'S WHAT IT IS.

M: THAT'S RIGHT BECAUSE YOU KNOW THEY ONLY COME INTO THE PICTURE ON FEDERAL LAWS. THEY HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH PROTECTION OF PEOPLE, THAT'S SECRET SERVICE. THEY HAVE NOTHING WITH THAT. THAT'S THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

T: HOW COME THAT YOU SAID THAT YOU REALLY KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE CIA, YOU MUST KNOW SOMETHING.

M: WELL, LET ME SAY THAT I KNOW THE CIA IS JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER ORGANIZATION THAT EVERY OTHER COUNTRY HAS, EVERY COUNTRY HAS AN ORGANIZATION LIKE THAT. BUT THE INTERIOR PARTS OF THE CIA, I AM SORRY I DON'T KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT. AND I'M SPEAKING SINCERELY.

T: WELL, I BELIEVE YOU, I THINK.

M: I'M SPEAKING SINCERELY BECAUSE I WORK WITH FOUR PEOPLE HERE, OUR WORK IS STRICTLY ON TOP OF THE TABLE, EVERYTHING ON TOP OF THE TABLE.

T: HMM, THOUGH THEY MUST HAVE SOMETHING.

M: I'M TALKING ABOUT MY DIVISION I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANYTHHNG ELSE IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE.
I AM SURE I DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT AND...

T: WE KNOW SOME, WE HAVE A PRETTY GOOD CIA I WOULD SAY, YOU KNOW.

M: WELL, I WOULD THINK SO, I WOULD THINK SO. BUT WE BOTH KNOW... WE ARE SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT EVERY COUNTRY HAS ITS OWN INTELLIGENCE GATHERING UNIT.

T: WELL, I DON'T BLAME THEM.

M: BUT I AM NOT PART OF OURS...THAT IS WHAT I'M TRYING TO IMPRESS

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ON YOU

T WELL, WE HAVE LAST WORD, BUT WE HAVE MEANS TO KNOW IT

M SURE

T AH, WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT US. I MEAN I DON'T WANT TO JUST, YOU KNOW, CHAT OIV

M TUPAMAROS?

T YES, YOU KNOW PRETTY MUCH ABOUT US, AT LEAST, YOU HAVE BEEN HERE FOR LONG. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?

M ONE YEAR

T ONE YEAR, THAT'S LONG ENOUGH

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M WELL, IT IS VERY EVIDENT TO ME THAT YOUR ORGANIZATION IS A GOOD ORGANIZATION I WOULD SAY THAT YOU HAVE VERY GOOD DISCIPLINE

T WE TRY TO...

M BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL

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T YOU KNOW I WILL TELL YOU SOMETHING JUST FOR YOU TO BE INFORMED. TODAY, I MEAN, YES, TODAY BECAUSE WE READ IN THE NEWSPAPERS THIS MORNING, TWO NEWSPAPERS HAVE BEEN CENSORED FOR 90 DAYS AND

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THAT MAKES I DON'T KNOW HOW MAY, YOU SEE, YOU CAN'T DO REALL.

M: TWO PAPERS CENSORED TODAY?

T: YES, BECAUSE...

M: TWO MORE?

T: BESIDES THE OTHERS YESTERDAY AND THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY. THEY CAN'T TELL REALLY, THEY INFORM SOMETHING THEY SHOULDN'T INFORM, AND YOU KNOW THERE ARE POLITICAL PARTIES WHO ARE FORBIDDEN HERE YOU KNOW THAT.

M: SURE, I SUPPOSE I DON'T KNOW THAT MUCH ABOUT IT

T: WELL, YOU MET ZINA FERNANDEZ, YOU DID...

M: YES, YES ZINA FERNANDEZ.

T: WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT HIM

M: WELL, I KNEW HIM AT A POLICE CHIEF AND AS A CORONEL OF THE MILITARY. THAT IS THE ONLY THING I KNEW. I'VE NEVER BEEN TO HIS HOUSE.

T: OR HIS PARTIES.

M: I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT HIS PARTIES. WHAT WAS HE?

T: WHAT WAS HE?

M: YES, WAS HE A BLANCO OR COLORADO OR...

T: I REALLY DON'T KNOW

M: I DON'T KNOW EITHER

T: BUT YOU KNOW HE WASN'T TOO HONEST REALLY

M: ACCORDING TO WHAT I READ HE WASN'T

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HONEST. I MEAN I FEEL THAT YOU ARE, YOU KNOW, ENGAGED IN SOMETHING YOU BELIEVE AND YOU ARE PAID FOR AND YOU JUST...

M YES, YOU ARE RIGHT, I FEEL STRONGLY THAT WAY. I FEEL THAT IF CITY GOVERNMENT PEOPLE COULD BE HONEST, HOW CAN YOU EXPECT ANYONE ELSE TO BE HONEST.

T WE ARE FIGHTING THAT. WE HATE TO BE VIOLENT YOU KNOW. YOU NOTICED THE WAY WE TREAT YOU AFTER WERE INJURED. THE

WAY WE TRIED TO BRING YOU DOCTOR. YOU HAVE THE DOCTOR VERY FAST.
M YOU WERE VERY KIND, I MUST SAY THAT

T THERE HAVE BEEN MANY DOCTORS HERE TO TAKE CARE OF YOU AND WE HAVE EVERYTHING TO AVOID, YOU KNOW ANY SURPRISE, AND WE REALLY DON'T LIKE TO KILL PEOPLE AT ALL, BUT WE WILL, AND WE DO WHEN IT IS NECESSARY, YOU SEE. WE KILLED MORAN CHARQUERO WITH A SMILE BECAUSE WE KNEW THAT WE WERE DOING SOMETHING, SOME MATES WILL, YOU KNOW, THANK, BECAUSE HE REALLY WAS A TORTU... I DON'T HOW DO YOU SAY, TORTURER.

M TORTURER

T SI, AND THERE ARE MANY AND WE WILL KILL EVERYONE OF THEM, SOONER OR LATER, YOU KNOW...

M I HOPE, LET ME SAY THIS, I HOPE YOU GET THE PROBLEMS SOLVED BEFORE YOU HAVE TO KILL ANY MORE ON EITHER SIDE. THAT DOESN'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING REALLY.

T AH, WE HOPE IT TOO BUT WE DON'T SEE IT VERY SOON.

M I HOPE SO, MIRACLES HAVE HAPPENED BEFORE
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 7 OF 12 MONTEVIDEO 1993

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y

SUBJECT: MITRIONE KIDNAPPING

TAHUM?

M MIRACLES HAVE HAPPENED BEFORE. THE THING THAT...I SAY IS THAT THE TUPAMAROS--THE MLN-- ARE NOT PEOPLE FROM MARS. YOU ARE ALL URUGUAYANS AND YOU ARE NOT STRANGERS FROM OUTER SPACE OR ENEMIES. YOU ARE URUGUAYANS THAT WANT TO SEE YOUR GOVERNMENT DO THINGS WHAT YOU CONSIDER BETTER AND THAT IS WHY I SAY YOU OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO SIT TOGETHER, BECAUSE IT ISN'T A CASE LIKE IN THE UNITED STATES WHERE WE DO HAVE A VERY DEFINITE SEPARATION BETWEEN THE BLACK AND THE WHITE.

T YEAH, THAT'S A PRETTY ROUGH PROBLEM, ISN'T IT

M OH, YES, MY GOODNESS IT IS A ROUGH PROBLEM, BUT HERE YOU DON'T HAVE THAT, EVERYBODY IS AN URUGUAYAN BUT THE PHILOSOPHY AND THE IDEALOGY IS DIFFERENT, THAT'S ALL

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T: YEAH, YES. AND IT'S PRETTY HARD TO DO IT WITHOUT VIOLENCE, YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN TRYING FOR LONG BEFORE I DECIDED TO WORK WITH VIOLENCE, YOU KNOW. I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT MY LIFE, I CARED ABOUT HUNGER AND EXPLOITATION. SO WE WOULDN'T CARE TO DIE REALLY. WE BEEN CHOSEN FOR THAT, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE WE REALLY GIVE OUR LIVES FOR SOMETHING WE FEEL IS IMPORTANT YOU SEE. SO WHEN YOU WERE WORKING WITH THE PM THERE IN BRAZIL WHAT KIND OF RELATIONS DO THEY HAVE WITH DOPS.

M: WITH THE DOPS?

T: YES.

M: OH, I THINK THE DOPS BACK IN THOSE DAYS...I DIDN'T KNOW TOO MUCH...DOPS ARE THE POLITICAL POLICE, RIGHT?

T: YES.

M: I THINK ONE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT HEY HAD WAS THE POLITICAL POLICE--THE DOPS, WERE MORE, MOSTLY POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS AND THE MILITARY POLICE WERE PEOPLE WHO CAME UP FROM THEIR RANKS. CAME IN AND THEY WERE.....(NOT AVAILABLE)

T: DISCIPLINE?

M: YEAH, LIKE ARMY, YOU KNOW MILITARY. I HAD VERY LITTLE TO DO WITH DOPS, I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THEM.

T: WELL, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE TRAINING, THE TRAINING TO THE MILITARY POLICE NOW IS MAINLY AGAINST GUERRILLA, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT'S THE MAIN PROBLEM NOW.

M: YES, BACK IN THOSE DAYS WE DIDN'T DO THAT, BECAUSE GUERRILLA PROBLEMS WERE NOT THE THING THEN. ALL WE TRAINED FOR WAS HOW TO HANDLE LABOR STRIKES, LABOR PROBLEMS AND MAYBE DEMONSTRATIONS OF PEOPLE AND HOW TO USE HUMANE METHODS AND NOT TO HURT ANYBODY IF YOU COULD HELP IT. AND HOW TO BE OUT TO FIGHT IF YOU HAVE TO.

T: YES, WE READ ALL THOSE DOCUMENTS YOU SENT TO THE DIFFERENT POLICE DEPARTMENTS CZ LATIN AMERICA.

M: WELL, THEY ARE CHANGING NOW, YOU KNOW THAT

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T WE'VE BEEN READING SPECIAL MEANS, YOU KNOW, ON INTERROGATION THAT'S VERY INTERESTING. AND WHEN ARE YOU PLANNING TO RETIRE, I MEAN IF EVERYTHING RUNS WELL AND YOU CAN GO OUT FREE AND ALL THAT, GO BACK TO FAMILY?

M WELL, IF I GO BACK TO MY FAMILY I WOULD LIKE TO GATHER UP MY FAMILY AND FINISH MY DAYS IN MY OWN COUNTRY.

T YA, THAT'S PRETTY ROUGH

M AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE

T WE HOPE IT TOO. AND WILL YOU GO TO INDIANA?

M YES, WELL, I HAVE TO GO TO INDIAN, IT'S MY HOME

T WHAT ABOUT UNIVERSITARIAN THERE IN INDIANA

M UNIVERSITY

T YES

M THERE THEY HAVE THEIR PROBLEMS TOO, THEY ARE HAVING DEMONSTRATIONS AND THE HIPPIES AND THE YIPPIES AND THE STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY...

T WEATHERMEN?

M AND WEATHERMEN. BUT THEY ARE NOT ALL WRONG--THEY ARE NOT ALL WRONG--THEY HAVE SOME PRETTY GOOD IDEAS TOO.

T DO YOU THINK?
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 8 OF 12 MONTEVIDEO 1993

SUBJECT: MITRIONE KIDNAPPING

M YEH, I AM SURE THERE ARE A LOT OF SMART PEOPLE THERE. THEY ARE NOT ALL DUMMIES. I THINK SOME OF THEM ARE LAZY BUT I THINK SOME OF THEM HAVE SOME IDEAS, AND I THINK THE OLDER PEOPLE OUGHT TO LISTEN TO THEM A LITTLE MORE.

T YES, THAT I UNDERSTAND. THEY MAKE ENOUGH NOISE TO BE LISTENED TO AT LEAST.

M YEH, WELL, JUST LIKE YOU SAID A WHILE AGO THE, THEY TRIED TO TALK BUT NO ONE WOULD LISTEN SO THEY HAD TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE BECAUSE NOBODY WOULD LISTEN.

T HAVE YOU SEEN ZABRISKIE POINT, THE FILM?

M NO, I HAVEN'T BEEN TO A MOVIE HERE, THE LAST ONE I SAW WAS FUNNY GIRL, A LONG TIME AGO.

T PRETTY GOOD

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M: IT'S VERY GOOD FILM.

T: YES.

M: WHAT'S ZABRISKIE POINT ABOUT?

T: WELL, ABOUT VIOLENCE IN THE STATES.

M: OH, IS IT?

T: YES.

M: OH, BOY.

T: IT'S PRETTY INTERESTING.

M: WELL, I STAY HOME WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE FAMILY I DON'T GO OUT TOO MUCH BESIDES WHEN WE HAVE TO GO TO COCKTAIL PARTIES THAT TYPE OF THINGS. MOST OF THE TIME WE ARE HOME WITH THE FAMILY.

T: A LOT OF DIPLOMATIC WORK.

M: NOT TOO MUCH, NOT TOO MUCH.

T: HAVE YOU THE PRESIDENT.

M: OF WHAT.

T: OF URUGUAY.

M: HERE NO, I HAVEN'T.

T: YOU SHOULD (HA HA).

M: I NEVER HAD THE PLEASURE.

T: NICE GUY. I WOULD LIKE TO MEET HIM TOO, UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS I MET YOU, OR EVEN WORSE, I DON'T FEEL BAD ABOUT HIM REALLY, BUT ABOUT WHAT HE'S DOING. THAT'S A NICE TALK AND I MEAN, I THINK YOU ARE VERY SMART. YOU CHOICE THE BEST WAY DEALING WITH US, YOU KNOW, YOU KNOW YOU ARE REALLY UNDER OUR POWER AND CAN'T DO ANYTHING SO...

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M I'M STRICTLY AT YOUR MERCY, REALLY. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT

T WELL, IT'S NOT MERCY. WELL I DON'T KNOW THE WORD IN ENGLISH, BUT I WOULD TRANSLATE IT, I WOULD NOT CALL IT MERCY, YOU KNOW, IT DEPENDS ON YOUR GOVERNMENT THE PRESSURE IT CAN DO, AND OURS, OUR GOVERNMENT, AND BUT YOU'VE BEEN SMART, YOU KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR HE MAKE A LITTLE MORE NOISE

M WELL THE ONLY THING I REGRET ABOUT ALL THIS I DON'T LIKE ONE THING AND THAT IS THAT TOO MANY INNOCENT PEOPLE SUFFER. MY WIFE AND CHILDREN, THERE IS NO REASON FOR THEM TO BE SUFFERING.

T I HAVE WIFE AND CHILDREN TOO BUT YOU KNOW, YOU DO IT FOR MONEY AND I DON'T. YOU CHOOSE YOUR WORK AND THE STATES CHOOSE A POLITICAL WAY TO DO THINGS AND YOU ARE ENGAGED WITH YOUR COUNTRY AND SO YOU ARE UNDER YOUR OWN LAW.

M YEH

T I AM SORRY ABOUT THEM TOO. I AM SORRY ABOUT OTHER FAMILIES OF ALL FRIENDS WHO ARE IN PRISON BEING TORTURED OR KILLED. THERE ARE MANY REALLY, MANY INNOCENT PEOPLE HAVE TO SUFFER. BUT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ONE MILLION BOYS AND GIRLS UNDER FIVE YEARS DIE EVERY YEAR IN LATIN AMERICA?

M OF HUNGER?

T YES SIR, AND THAT IS NOT A WAY OF CONTROL, BIRTH CONTROL YOU KNOW. AND HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT OTHER GUERRILLA MOVEMENTS. YOU KNOW WE DON'T WORK ALL THE SAME WAY. YOU HAVE SEEN THAT.

M WELL, EVERY ONE OF THEM HAS TO WORK ACCORDING TO HIS SURROUNDINGS. WHAT EVERONE CAN WORK BEST. FROM WHAT I HAVE READ I THINK THE TUPAMAROS ARE A LITTLE SMARTER THAN SOME OF THE OTHERS BECAUSE TUPAMAROS DON'T KILL UNLESS THEY HAVE TO. I THINK THE OTHERS INDISCRIMINATELY KILL. I THINK THEY SHOOT AND ASK QUESTIONS LATER

T WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS PROBABLY, I FEEL THAT A LITTLE THE WAYYOU FEEL BUT IT'S THE CONDITIONS THERE ARE DIFFERENT

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THAN HERE. YOU KNOW THE URUGUAYANS AND URUGUAY HAS A DIFFERENT HISTORY THAN OTHER COUNTRIES.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 9 OF 12 MONTEVIDEO 1993

SUBJECT: MITRIONE KIDNAPPING

T OH, I'M SURE THAT'S CORRECT

T VIOLENCE IN BRAZIL IS HARDER THAN IN URUGUAY OR IN BOLIVIA OR &N GUATEMALA YOU KNOW.

M IT'S ACCEPTED

T YES, I FEELHUMAN LIFE IS CHEAPER THAN HERE

M YES, YES

T SO

M EXCUSE ME (APPARENTLY DIRECTED TO A THIRD PARTY.) URUGUAYANS I AM SURE THEY ARE DIFFERENT

T BUT THEY TORTURE HERE TOO. IN BRAZIL IS HORRIBLE, YOU KNOW, I WOULD LIKE TO KILL MR. FLEURY, YOU KNOW, CHIEF OF.....

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M: CHIEF OF THE POLICE THERE?

T: NO, YOU KNOW THEY HAVE THIS SPECIAL

TH8RD VOICE: DEATH SQUAD

M: WHAT IS HIS NAME?

T: FLEURY, I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY PRONOUNCE IT

M: I DON'T KNOW EITHER. IN BRAZIL, IN RIO, OR IN BRASILIA?

T: ALL I KNOW IS BRAZIL, HE HAS BEEN HERE TEACHING TOO ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS AGO.

M: OH, YES

T: YES, YOU KNOW, DEATH SQUAD OR SOMETHING

M: OH, YEH

T: HE'S BEEN HERE IN PUNTA DEL ESTE. WE COULD'T MEET HIM.

M: BUT YOU MET ME, HUH?

T: YEH, I ALWAYS BEEN DOING EVERYTHING TO MEET YOU. NOT MYSELF. I DIDN'T KNOW WHO WERE YOU UNTIL YOU TOLD ME AND THE MATES TOLD ME. YESTERDAY MORNING WE MET YOU REALLY. BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION WE DON'T NEED TO HAVE SO WE CAN'T TALK TOO MUCH. BUT THAT'S OUR WAY OF WORKING. BUT YOU SHOULD TALK MORE THAN ME

M: MAY I HAVE ANOTHER GLASS OF WATER, PLEASE

T: YES, WHAT DO YOU THINK IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WITH ALL LATIN AMERICA

M: WELL, LATIN AMERICA IS GOING TO BE ALRIGHT. I DON'T CARE, I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT IS GOING TO TAKE BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE THAT LOVE LIFE, THERE ARE PEOPLE IN EVERY COUNTRY THAT LOVE LIFE, GOVERNMENTS HAVE PROBLEMS, BUT SOME DAY IT'S GOING TO BE SOLVED, YOU MARK MY WORDS

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T YES

M IT'S GOING TO BE SOLVED, IT'S GOING TO BE SOLVED, ALL THESE BUILDINGS AND ALL THESE STORES AND ALL THESE SCHOOLS AND ALL THESE FOOTBALL FIELDS ARE NOT ACCIDENTS. THEY WERE BUILT BY INTELLIGENT PEOPLE THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE DESTROYED OVERNIGHT.

T NO, WE HOPE NOT

M NO, I KNOW THEY ARE NOT. IT'S JUST GOING TO BE A CASE OF HOW LONG IT IS GOING TO TAKE. SOME COUNTRIES WILL TAKE LONGER THAN OTHERS

T YOU KNOW, THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO LOVE THE THINGS THEY HAVE VERY MUCH AND THEY HAVE TOO MANY THINGS THOUGH, THEN IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO TAKE THEM OUT

M THIS IS TRUE. THIS IS TRUE. THAT'S ONE OF THE PROBLEMS IN LATIN AMERICA

T THERE ARE FEW PEOPLE WHO ARE OWNING SO MANY INTERESTS, YOU KNOW BANK OF AMERICA AND THE FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK AND THE CHASE MANAHATTAN BANK, YOU KNOW THEY ARE VERY STRONG ADAIR

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 10 OF 12 MONTEVIDEO 1993

SUBJECT: MITRIONE KIDNAPPING

M THANK YOU (APPARENTLY DIRECTED TOWARD THIRD PARTY)

THIRD VOICE: YEH

T THEY ARE REALLY, REALLY VERY STRONG

M THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS

T WE HAVE TO FINISH IT

M WHAT I MEAN, THAT THIS SOMETHING OLD, THIS ISN'T SOMETHING THAT HAS JUST STARTED

T WILL YOU EXCUSE ME, WELL, I HAVE TO DO SOME OTHER WORK NOW, SO WE'LL KEEP TALKING LATER, ALRIGHT?

M ALRIGHT, FINE

THE FOLLOWING IS A FREE TRANSLATION OF THE SPANISH COMMENTS APPENDED TO THE SPANISH TRANSLATION OF THE MITRIONE INTERVIEW.

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NOW, SOME DOCUMENTS WHICH WERE TAKEN. THERE ARE NOTES TAKEN OF CONVERSATIONS SOMEWHAT WITHOUT BEING PREVIOUSLY PUT IN ORDER. NAMES OF THE PEOPLE WHO WORK WITH HIM, OR THAT HE KNOWS, BEST, COL. RIVERO, CHIEF OF POLICE; SECOND, COL. MARTIN, EX-OFFICER; INSPECTOR GUERRA OF INVESTIGATIONS; AND SUB-CHIEF, SEEMS THAT HE SAID MERLON HIS AMERICAN COLLABORATORS ARE RICHARD MARTINES, FROM AID WHO LIVES IN FERRARI 1255, RICHARD BIAVA OF AID WHO HAS AN EMBASSY APARTMENT, AND LEE ECHOLS FROM AID WHO LIVES AT THE PANAMERICANO BUILDING; AND, THEN JAMES TULL WHO LIVES ON AV RIVERA, HE DIDN'T KNOW THE NUMBER AND IS FROM THE POLITICAL DIVISION. JAMES TULL, AV. RIVERA. OF THE PARTICIPANTS CHOSEN TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES THIS YEAR, HE MENTIONED ETCHEVERRIA, TEIXEIRA IGLESIS, VEIIGA AND VEIRA. HE SAYS THAT THOSE WHO RETURNED FROM PAYSANDU, BARTZABAL; FROM SALTO, LLAMA, FROM TACUAREMBO, RAMIREZ, AND ROMERO FROM THE SCHOOL OF POLICE INSTRUCTION. OTHERS THAT WENT TO THE UNITED STATES WERE THE SUB-CHIEF OF THE POLICE INSTITUTE, FERRANDO AND FROM INVESTIGATIONS PACHAROTTI. HE SAID SOME GENERAL THINGS ABOUT EMBASSY BUILDING SECURITY, AMONG THEM THAT THERE WERE FOUR TV CAMERAS CONTROLLED BY THE MARINES, ONE OVER THE GARAGE WHICH LOOKS INTO THE INTERIOR, TWO WHICH LOOK ALL ARDUND THE BUILDING, AND ONE ABOVE THE PARKING LOT WHICH LOOKS TO SEE WHO ENTERS THE DOOR WHEN THE IRON DOOR IS DOWN. THE MARINES INSIDE THE BUILDING WOULD BE NINE. THERE WOULD BE 150 URUGUAYAN EMPLOYEES AND 100 NORTH AMERICAN EMPLOYEES, AMONG THE DIPLOMATS AND EMPLOYEES. THE EMBASSY HAS FOUR ENTRANCES, TWO WHICH CAN BE SEEN, AND ONE IN THE GARAGE AT THE BOTTOM AND ONE HALF WAY WHICH IS SMALL. HE DENIED THAT THERE WAS WATER AND FOOD STORAGE AND ALSO DENIED THAT THERE WAS A ESCAPE SYSTEM BY SUBMARINES, ETC. HE SAID THAT THE AIR CONDITIONING WAS VERY BAD AND THAT THE WINDOWS WERE FIXED AND DENIED THAT THEY WOULD BE BULLET-PROOF. HE SAID THAT THEY WERE PLASTIC. THE CAFETERIA EMPLOYEE HAD BEEN WORKING 37 YEARS FOR THE EMBASSY, IS A GREEK BALDHEAD WHO IS CALLED ZAF AND WHOSE NAME WOULD BE ZAFADOPULOS OR ZAFADA-QUIGYS, HIS BROTHER WORKED AT THE OLD EMBASSY TOO. AMONG OTHER PEOPLE THAT HE SAID WORKED CLOSE TO HIM IN HIS JOB AND WHEN WE ASKED HIM IF THEY WERE CLOSE TO THE EMBASSY HE SAID THAT DURING THE INAUGURATION OF THE EMBASSY PARTY HE HAD SEEN INSPECTOR PIREZ, FROM THE INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION

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DEPARTMENT, ALDO CONSERVA, WHOM HE CALLED ALDO, THAT MEANS BY HIS FIRST NAME, CNEL. LEGNANI, WHO HE VISITED SEVERAL TIMES AT THE "METRO" AND WITH WHOM HE DRANK COFFEE OCCASIONALLY, INSPECTOR LUZ AND AN INSPECTOR FROM ECE UNIFORM DIVISION. IT SEEMS THAT AT THE PARTY WERE ALSO CNELL MARTIN AND CNELL RIVERO. HE MENTIONED AMONG OTHER PEOPLE THAT HE SAW OFTEN ORDOQUI, FROM THE POLICE TEACHING INSTITUTE, FUSTER , LAMELA AND LUNA AND FROM THE "METRO" HE KNEW VARELA. IN THE UNITED STATES HE MET LUCAS AND MOCKFORD FROM THE PATROL. HE ALSO KNEW MARTINEZ FROM PATROL AND MOBILIO FROM TRAFFIC AND PEREIRA.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 11 OF 12 MONTEVIDEO 1993

SUBJECT: MITRIONE KIDNAPPING

THE PRISONER USED TO GO TO THE CHURCH IN CARRASCO ON MICHIGAN STREET. OTHER DETAILS, OTHER INFORMATION THAT HE GAVE US HERE THAT CNEL. CALIENDO, CHIEF ATTACHE, WHO LIVES IN PRUDENCIO DE PENA, IS A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE EMBASSY, LOOKS LIKE HIS SALARY IS $21,500 PER YEAR. HE HAS BEEN IN ALL THE DEPARTMENTS OF URUGUAY CONTROLLING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETS, ON WHICH HE GAVE VERY INTERESTING DETAILS WHICH WE WILL PROCEED TO ANNOUNCE.

HE SAYS THAT ALL AID SPENT IN URUGUAY WAS $99,000 SPECIALLY ON HALLICRAFTERS, WHICH ARE RADIO COMMUNICATION THAT OPERATE ON FOUR FREQUENCIES IN MONTEVIDEO. HE SPOKE A LITTLE ON MANIFESTATIONS AND SAID THAT THE OLD TECHNIQUE WAS DIFFERENT FORMATIONS, AND NOW HE THINKS THAT THE BEST WAY TO REPRESS MANIFESTATIONS IS TO SURROUND AND WAIT TO REPRESS. HE SPOKE SOMEWHAT ABOUT GASSES. HE DESCRIBED SOME OF THE MILITARY WHO ARE IN THE EMBASSY, AMONG THEM COL. JOHN KOMP, A BIG RED FACED MAN, WHO WALKS VERY FAST AND AWKWARDLY (DURIFOY PELADO) AND IS FROM THE ARMY, WHO WAS IN PANAMA WITH KIRPATRIC OF THE

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AIR FORCE, AS WELL AS JAMES SMITH OF THE MARINES, WHO ARE ALL MILITARY ATTACHES AT THE EMBASSY. THESE WHICH WE MENTIONED ARE MILITARY ATTACHES IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. WHEN WE ASKED HIM WHO WAS THE ONE IN CHARGE OF THE PROTECTION OF THE DIGNITARIES WHO WERE GOING TO BE AT THE EMBASSY INAUGURATION, HE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE ECHEVERRIA AND HE REMEMBERED ALSO HAVING SEEN ZUNINO, PINTOS, AND BUDA AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE INAUGURATION. HE MENTIONED IN PASSING THAT NOT ONLY IS THE EMBASSY GARAGE USED BUT ALSO THE GARAGE IN FRONT WHICH IS RENTED. HE MENTIONED SOME BASIC TRAINING COURSES FOR POLICE THAT LAST FOUR WEEKS AND HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DURAZNO AND IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND THE DETAILS OF THESE ARE FOUND IN THE PREVIOUS TAPE. WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT THEM TELECOMMUNICATIONS NET HE SAID IT CONSISTED BASICALLY IN THAT EACH PRECINCTS WITHIN A STATE COULD COMMUNICATE WITH ITS OWN HEADQUARTERS AND THIS IN TURN COULD COMMUNICATE WITH THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR. APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE PRECINCTS IN THE INTERIOR WOULD HAVE THEM AND THEY WOULD CONSIST OF HALICRAFTER APPARATUS WITH A REACH OF 95 KM WITHIN EACH STATE TOWARDS MONTEVIDEO. ELECTON EQUIPMENT IS USED AND HE SAYS THEY SPEAK WITHOUT A CODE ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE ARE SOME BASIC CODES. IN THE MEANTIME THESE RECORDERS, THESE ELECTON PROJECTORS, WOULD COMMUNICATE WITH THE MINISTRY AND NOT WITH HEADQUARTESS. OF THE CODE HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING DEFINITE. HE WAS ASKED IF HE COLLABORATED IN THE SECURITY SYSTEM OF THE INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS HELD IN URUGUAY AND HE SAID THAT IN THE LAST ONE WHICH WAS THE BID THAT HE DID HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITHOUT SPECIFYING WHAT HIS FUNCTIONS WERE.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 12 OF 12 MONTEVIDEO 1993

SUBJECT: MITRIONE KIDNAPPING

WHEN HE WAS TALKED ABOUT WEAPONS HE SEEMED TO HAVE A GREAT PREFERENCE FOR THE SMITH AND WESSONS, MAKING COUNTER PROPOGANDA AGAINST OTHER BRANDS. HE ALSO SAID THAT AT THIS MOMENT THERE WAS BEING DEVELOPED A COLT SUBMACHINE GUN THAT IS COLLAPSIBLE AND THAT WOULD HAVE GREAT UTILITY FOR LATIN AMERICA. HE SPOKE VERY WELL ALSO OF SHOTGUNS GIVING SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO 00 CARTRIDGES WHICH HE SAYS ARE OF MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE AGAINST MANIFESTATIONS. AT ONE PLACE HE MENTIONED THE STATES THAT DO NOT YET HAVE THEIR TELECOMMUNICATIONS NET COMPLETED AND WHICH WE WILL OBTAIN LATER. AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE WAS ASKED, IN PASSING, HE ACKNOWLEDGED HAVING HELD AN INTERVIEW WITH FRANCHESE, BUT THAT HE CONSIDERED THAT THE MORE INTELLIGENT PERSON WAS PIRAN WHOM HE CONSIDERS BEING WELL-ENTRENCHED WITHIN THE HARD-LINE, AND WHOM HE INSISTED WOULD BE A MORE ABLE AND BETTER PLACED PERSON AND THE ONE WHO ASKED HIM THE MORE INTELLIGENTT QUESTIONS, ACCORDING TO HIM.
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